





STATE of MINNESOTA

Proclamation

WHEREAS: The State of Minnesota is ever grateful for the faithful service of its citizens on

behalf of the common good; and

WHEREAS: Devotion to learning and to children is highly esteemed by the people of

Minnesota; and

WHEREAS: Exemplars in public service, education, and family life are profoundly

important to a thriving society; and

WHEREAS: The courage to innovate while cherishing the best of our traditions is of

immeasurable value to learners and families and the public life of our state; and

WHEREAS: Joanne Benson, having tirelessly served the State of Minnesota and its people as

Educator, Senator, Lieutenant Governor, and leader in public affairs is now retiring from her role as Chief Education Officer of the Minnesota Business

Academy Charter High School; and

WHEREAS: Minnesotans offer Joanne Benson our gratitude and respect for her many

contributions to making Minnesota a great place to live.

Now, Therefore, I, TIM PAWLENTY, Governor of Minnesota, do hereby proclaim Thursday, January 27, 2005, to be:

JOANNE BENSON DAY

in the State of Minnesota.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Minnesota to be affixed at the State Capitol this 24th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand and five, and of the State the one hundred forty-sixth.

GOVERNOR

Mary Hilmeyer SECRETARY DE STATE